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Today's Weather: Light variable or South-easterly winds.  
Fair apart from some mist patches.  
Non Observation: Barometric pressure, 1014.8 mbs., 29.97  
in. Temperature, 78.8 deg. F. Dew point, 67 deg. F. Relative  
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## RECOGNITION MAY DEPEND ON

### Wants Ban On Atom Bomb Production

### General Romulo Suggests Interim Agreement

Lake Success, Dec. 20. — General Carlos P. Romulo, of the Philippines, President of the United Nations General Assembly, today called on the atomic "Big Six" to give first priority to studying ways of reaching an interim agreement on banning atomic bomb production.

General Romulo presented several suggestions to General A. G. L. McNaughton, the chairman, when the representatives of Britain, China, France, Russia, the United States and Canada met for the first time today to "explore all avenues and examine concrete suggestions" in an effort to reach an agreement on atomic control as decided by the General Assembly at its last session.

General Romulo, in a letter to General McNaughton, said: "I do not feel it advisable for me to present any precise plan at this time."

He recalled that he had previously outlined four possible paths for exploration. These were:

1.—A short term "armistice" accompanied by an inspection system.

2.—An interim prohibition on the use of atomic weapons, with adequate safeguards.

3.—Further compromises between the majority and the minority plans for atomic energy control.

4.—A new approach to the fundamental problem of control.

General Romulo said that he still believed "all these approaches should be seriously pursued." But his further suggestion concerning priority for a world ban on atomic bomb production was prompted by the "frightening rate" of the atomic armaments race.

In a communique after the meeting, the six powers, and that it had been agreed, in accordance with the General Assembly's resolution, that members' States would be kept informed of the progress of their discussion.

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### BEVIN INVITED

London, Dec. 20. — The Government of India has formally invited Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, to attend the ceremonies in New Delhi which will inaugurate the Indian Republic on January 26.

A Foreign Office spokesman announced tonight.

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### Mao To Have Trade Talks

Berlin, December 20. — Reliable German authorities said today that East German officials will open trade talks with the Chinese Communist Government in Moscow during Premier Stalin's birthday celebrations.

They said the East German Foreign Minister, George Dertinger, the German envoy in Moscow, Rudolf Appelt, and President Mao Tse-tung of Communist China will participate in the talks.

Sources close to the East German regime reported that a "tentative" German-Soviet trade agreement was being discussed in Moscow and probably would be signed early in 1950.

They said this plan will furnish food, short Soviet zone with flour, oil and other vegetable fats from the Ukraine plus fodder to build up German cattle stocks. — United Press.

### FILM ACTOR ASSAULTED

New York, December 20. — Robert Wilcox, the film actor, was found bound and gagged today in actress Diana Barrymore's apartment.

He was tied by two men who ransacked the place.

Police said Mr. Wilcox told them he was alone in Diana's apartment at 930 a.m. when two men knocked at the door and said they wanted to leave flowers for Diana, who is confined to hospital from the effects of a fall.

Police said the men took a mink coat, a silver fur scarf and a diamond necklace worth \$550 in silver. — Associated Press.

### Procession Stopped

Rome, Dec. 20. Three people were slightly injured tonight when police broke up an unauthorized procession of several hundred monarchists in the centre of Rome. Scores of demonstrators were reported to have been detained by the police.

The procession was organized by the Italian Fascist Party and was intended to mark the anniversary of the fall of the monarchy.

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## A LEGAL POINT

### Ticklish Question Of Formosa

London, Dec. 20. — Speculation on the imminence of Britain's recognition of Communist China subsided somewhat on Tuesday with strong official hints that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, was awaiting legal opinion before making the long-expected announcement.

The status of Formosa appeared as the legal bone of contention, with the British Government holding that, until the Japanese peace treaty is concluded, the island continues to be technically Japanese territory. This contention raises the following legal points:

1. Whether the use of Formosa by Chiang Kai-shek's government can be legally countenanced.

2. Whether the invasion of Formosa by the Chinese Communists would make them a belligerent power, or whether it would merely represent another phase of the Chinese civil war.

3. Whether, in the event of such an invasion, Britain could continue to recognise the Chinese Communists as a belligerent power.

Chiang Kai-shek's use of Formosa was seen as strengthening the Communists' intention to seize control of the island, and also as tending to increase the threat to British shipping by the Nationalist blockade of the Chinese coast.

The latter consideration was said to have raised additional legal complications.

The Foreign Office was said to be considering the "implications of the Chinese Nationalists' declared intention of mining Communist-held ports."

Official sources said that the British Government has not yet conveyed any views on this matter to the Chinese Nationalist Government.

They said "there are many aspects of the question which must be studied." It must be determined whether Nationalist forces will be confined to Chinese territorial waters, the limits of which are still under legal dispute, or whether they will be permitted to operate in international waters.

The argument is being heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson.

Mr. Potter said that he would say nothing derogatory of anyone in this case but he would comment without fear on the acts of individuals which could be described as fraud, and could equally be described as fraud on the part of the Nationalist Government of China.

The three cases raise points of constitutional and international law of the most profound importance," declared Mr. Potter in the course of his submissions.

Opening his case, Counsel described the proceedings leading up to the application. On November 24 the plaintiffs made an ex-parte application before his Lordship and an interim injunction was granted. Having read the order, the defendants assumed that the order would continue for five days and they also assumed, not unnaturally, that matters would remain status quo. But the other side, said Mr. Potter, to his astonishment, claimed they were entitled to remove any assets they saw fit.

"The position was serious, so we made an application before Mr. Justice Gould in the unavoidable absence of your Lordship," he added.

Mr. Potter said that the defendants gave the plaintiffs notice to attend. Objection was taken by the plaintiffs that no affidavit had been filed. "We had no time to file one," said Mr. Potter, "and Mr. Justice Gould ruled that filing of an affidavit was not necessary."

Counsel remarked that the other side declared quite frankly that it was a dishonest case; the dishonesty did not, of course, apply to Counsel. "I don't want that acquittal," declared Mr. Potter who added that there was no question of delaying matters until recognition of the (Continued on Page 6)

London, Dec. 20. — The Foreign Office announced today that the Chinese Nationalist Government has warned Britain that it intends to lay mines outside Communist-held ports on the China coast from tomorrow.

A similar notification has been delivered to the United States Government in Washington. Britain is seeking legal opinion before replying.

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The expedition's programme includes mapping, weather observation, geological and biological work. — Reuters.

## "New View" Coach For The Bakerloo



An experimental "vista" car which will shortly be in use on the Bakerloo Line. Principal feature is the series of glass panes from floor to roof.

Hitherto standing passengers have had to crane their necks to see out. Now they will have a direct eye-level view out of the car.

Further innovation: large porthole-shaped windows to admit light through recesses into which sliding doors open. The experimental car has been adapted from a normal vehicle.

—(London Express Service)

## Clark Gable Marries Lady Ashley

### HIS FOURTH BRIDE

San Luis Obispo, California, Dec. 20. — Movie star Clark Gable and his long-time friend, Lady Sylvia Ashley, widow of Douglas Fairbanks Senior, were married late today at a dude ranch here.

Gable, one of Hollywood's most eligible bachelors, took his fourth bride in a surprise ceremony before a Lutheran minister, the Rev. Angelo Moller.

The British Consul confirmed that the bride was Fairbanks' widow. She has been known in Hollywood by the name of her first husband, Lord Ashley.

Gable's first wife, Josephine Dillon, now a dramatic coach, divorced him in 1930 after six years of marriage. He married a wealthy Texas widow, Ruth Langham, in 1931 when he was beginning to click in the movies. They were divorced in 1938.

Next year, Gable, then top leading man, married the blonde, laughing Carol Lombard. To their millions of fans they were "the perfect couple." But she died in a plane crash. After Miss Lombard's funeral, Gable quit the movies and entered the army. Since the war's end his name has been romantically linked with various playmates from socialist Dolly O'Brien to Paulette Goddard.

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United Press.

## HARBOUR WRECK TO BE BLOWN UP

Operations to remove the wreck of the 1,600-ton Norwegian cargo vessel Halldar, which has lain on the harbour bed just off the Naval Dockyard between the floating dock and the China Fleet Club for six years, are due to begin next week.

The vessel was captured by the Japanese shortly after hostilities in the Far East began and was sunk during an Allied air raid on Hongkong in 1943. At the time she was loaded with a cargo of rice.

The work of breaking the ship up—she was too extensively damaged to make it possible to salvage her—will be directed for the Government by Captain W.A. Doust of Mollers, Ltd.

The systematic cutting up of the ship will be carried out by the blowing of small explosive charges. As it will only be possible to detonate the charges at high water each day, the work will be extended over several months.

All shipping in the area of the wreck will be notified before the charges are fired.

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## EDITORIAL

### Colony's Water Shortage

TO anyone who has been in Hongkong for a number of years the present threat of a water famine is but an annual reminder that the Colony is not yet capable of keeping itself fully supplied for twelve consecutive months. There has always been a water shortage in Hongkong, and the annual appeals for conservation have become almost tedious. The official explanation is that our population is too large to maintain a constant, uninterrupted supply of water from the existing reservoirs. But even when the population was considerably smaller, and we had Shing Mun operating, restrictions were found necessary. The real cause is that the Colony's rainfall is too unevenly divided—we receive 90 percent of our rains over a period of eight months, and once the reservoirs have absorbed this, there is no prospect of important replenishment for a long time. Hence persistent and irritating restrictions in the use of water. Having recognised the necessity of restrictions, the public then owes a duty to see that during the dry season as little water as possible is used, and that wastage shall be reduced to the minimum. The difficulty is that the greater proportion of the general public is too ignorant to appreciate this duty, and the problem is not helped by Government's somewhat indifferent attitude to the question of educating them in the ways of water conservation. Government complacently believes that it is "getting across" its appeals for saving water to the general public through the medium of the newspapers and the radio. Unfortunately this is not the case. While the Press and the Radio can and do exert some influence, both are restricted by the fact that hundreds of thousands of inhabitants cannot read, nor can they afford radio sets. They are, therefore, left completely in ignorance of the situation, cannot appreciate that they have any

responsibilities in the matter of avoiding water wastage, and are, incidentally, the people who constitute the heaviest consumers. It is not difficult to obtain co-operation from those who understand the necessity for conserving our dwindling water stocks. The manner in which the local shipping companies have responded to the appeal to take in less water supplies here is an illustration. A voluntary reduction of 30 percent of previous consumption is a commendable endeavour to aid the authorities during this anxious period. But in dealing with the huge masses of illiterates which form part of Hongkong's population, a different technique is required if they too are to make the necessary contribution toward the conservation of water. The appeal to them must be vocal and direct. The best medium is the mobile public address system through which it is possible to reach large congregations of people in the public thoroughfares, and in such a way as to attract and then hold their attention. The spoken word they can understand, and by means of it, tens of thousands of water consumers, otherwise beyond the reach of appeal or admonition, can be influenced to behave like responsible citizens in respect to eschewing water wastages. Mobile public address system campaigns have been successfully carried out on behalf of other departments, and it is a medium of education which the Water Authority should adopt. If, in fact, that Authority really believes a critical water shortage exists. And the obvious department to put such a campaign into effect is the Public Relation Office. The newspapers are always prepared to play their part in bringing home to the public a sense of their responsibility, but they cannot be expected to influence those whom they cannot reach. This must be Government's task.

## SOCIAL SECURITY

3. To improve economy, finance, communications, housing and health and to prepare programmes for social security, and bring about government supervision of economic activities to direct them toward public welfare.

5. To intensify the campaign against illiteracy, improve education and build up a national cultural centre.

6. Peacefully settle the dispute with the Dutch over New Guinea within one year.

7. Provide a foreign policy that will strengthen the nation's position in the world, bolster the ideals of world peace and fortify the moral, political and economic relations among the nations of Southeast Asia; to make a union with the Netherlands beneficial to Indonesia and endeavour to make the United States of Indonesia a member of the United Nations. — Associated Press.

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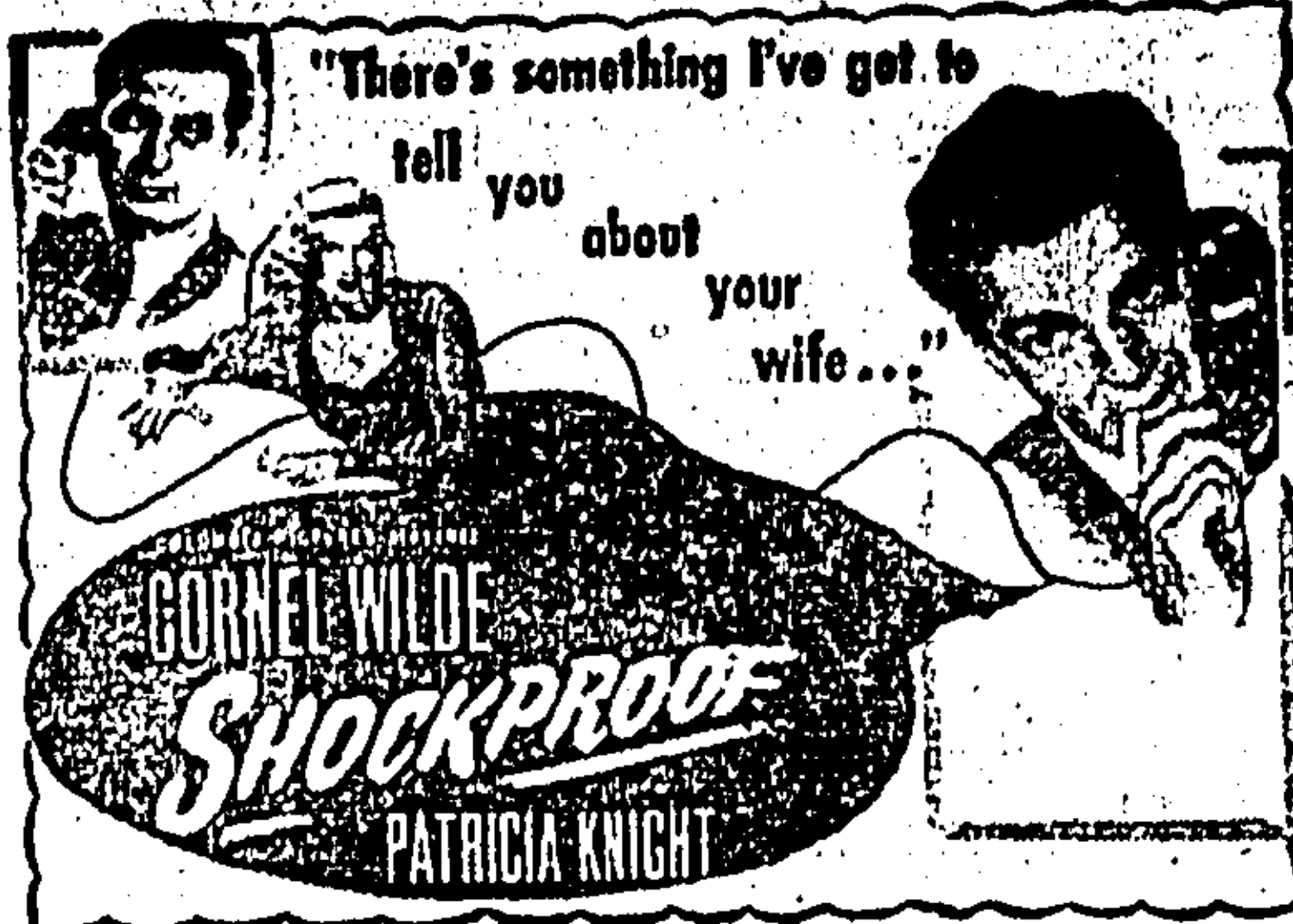
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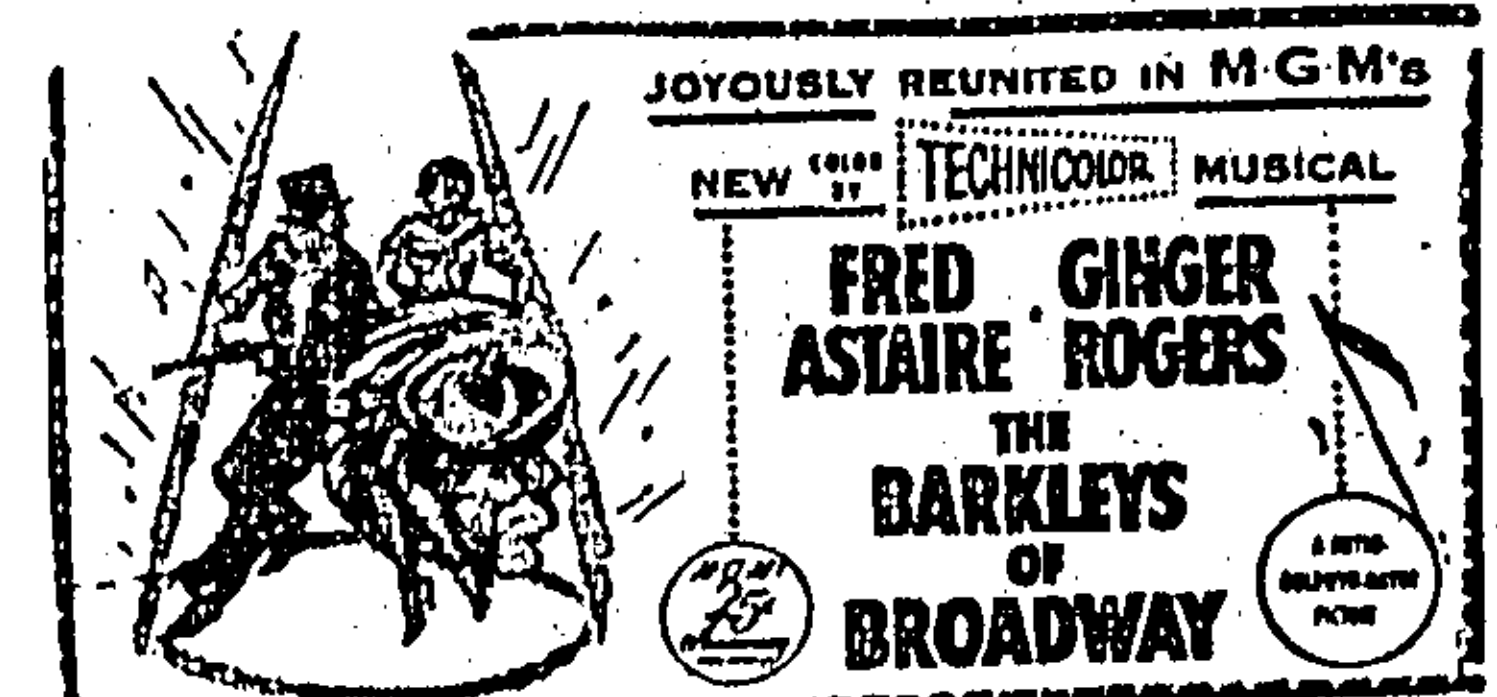
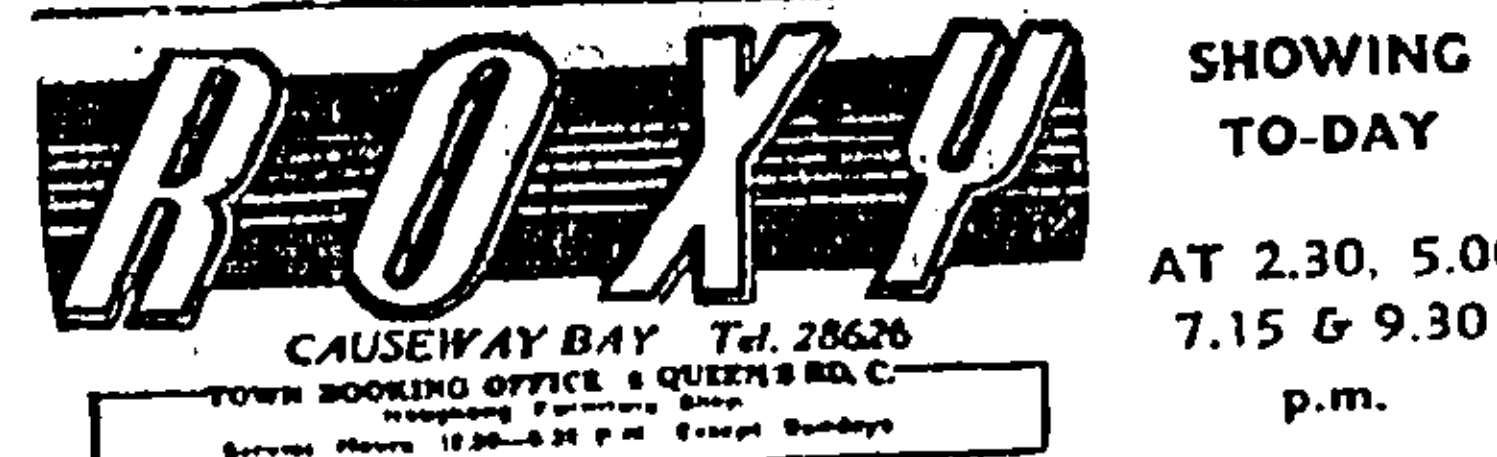
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**PREVIEW OF  
SPRING  
TENDENCIES**

**B**LOUSED back, slim, short skirt, basque pockets and the dropped shoulder line... this will be the spring MUSHROOM LINE. Jackets and coats that can be worn loose or belted, two-way collars and many-purpose clothes will be other popular features in the shops after Christmas.

For two weeks the London Model House Group—exclusive body of 13 of Britain's top wholesale designers—has been showing to buyers from home and abroad.

Perfect tailoring, beautiful materials and ideas and inspiration from Paris, and to the needs of Englishwomen, are details one expects from this group.

This season there are, in addition, many first-class individual ideas.

**THE TROUSER SKIRT**

**H**ERE are some of them.

The trouser skirt in two variations—first as a straight skirt with two perfect creases down the front; secondly as a full-length pair of barathra with matching back and front skirt flaps (ideal for the golf course).

Suits with matching reversible overcoats, which can be worn one way in town and the other in the country.

Topless sun and party dresses, with straps that can be added for a more formal occasion, and bolero jackets which make these day-to-evening dresses right for a lunch date.

The one overcoat-two suits idea. One example in time green and grey checks has a loose casual overcoat, worn either belted or unbelted, which can be teamed with a matching suit with a large check or a frock of the same material.

Sometimes it is a second pleated skirt instead of the frock.

One rage I particularly liked was of man-tailored suits and coats in suitings gaberdine and barathra.

**SILK FOR FROCKS**

**M**ATERIALS include lots of barathra and barathra, fine bird's-eye woads and men's suitings. There are also printed pure silks for frocks and a fascinating spotted silk shantung, which washes well, but has a pleasing stiff look. Valley whipsaws seem to have killed the demand for this material in the model range.

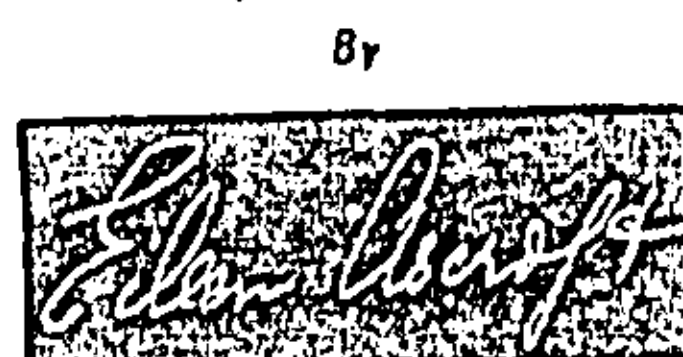
Other materials: Reversible spot cottons, patterned sea island cotton, Swiss Broderie Anglaise and dark West African printed cotton and rainproof cotton. A pleasing contrast is the silk tunic jacket combined with a barathra skirt.

**POISON IVY GREEN**

**C**LOURS include all shades of brown and grey, soft lime green, mauve pink, a brighter clear green called Poison Ivy, net in pastel shaded colourings over a black silk evening ballet skirt, soft water blues and all shades of yellow whipsaws seem to have killed the demand for this material in the model range.

**FOR MEN—**

There are Croci shirts in the shops for Christmas, both tunic and collar-attached styles, some with Tubronized collars. Amusing and practical present for a man is a miniature tiseton and hatbox which serves as a voucher for him to go and



choose himself a new piece of headgear for Christmas.

**CAREER GIRL**

**S**LENDER 25-year-old Barbara Grant is a beauty expert working for a big London salon. She left on the Queen Elizabeth for a winter-in-the-south tour of Latin America and the West Indies, lecturing to sales staff in places about the use of her firm's cosmetics.

For this more-holiday-than-work assignment Miss Grant has been dressed from top to



THE TROUSER SKIRT.

Slim-fitting, with two perfect creases down the front: it is designed by Simon Massey with a swaggy jacket that can be worn loose or belted.

**A LIVING LIE**

**A**MERICAN women are becoming very excited, I am told, over a new kind of hide-everything make-up called Technivell which keeps one looking lovely for 10 hours at a time without retouching. Cry-proof, non-drying, easy as face powder to apply and rub, and permanent do not touch it! It transforms even the most imperfect complexions. Made in five shades—cream, bluish, beige, brunette and sun gold—it sells at 25 cents.

**TIN CAN BANQUET**

**I**n tin can banquet served on snowy damask with delicate silver and glass and green candles blazing in silver candleabra. French chef Joanne's croquette is the main dish himself for the guests' inspection.

Menu was hors d'oeuvres, asparagus soup, steak and kidney pudding with peas, celery hearts and pommes croquette.

(London Express Service)

**When The  
Doctor  
Orders  
A Rest**By Herman  
Bundesen

**M**OST of us feel abused when ordered to bed for a few days by the doctor, and yet severe illness compels thousands of people of all ages to spend weeks or even months in bed.

Bed rest is an important part of the treatment of many disorders and often is an essential if health is to be regained.

**Lessons Body Effort**

Rest in bed lessens the body effort. When a person is up and about, he breathes more rapidly and the lungs work harder. The heart also beats faster and the muscles are moving and working. All of this activity requires fuel which is used up and must be replaced. When a person is at rest in bed, the drain on the fuel supply is lessened; then the body may devote itself to a greater extent in combatting infections or in healing processes which must occur before the disease is overcome.

While the sulfonamide drugs and penicillin may help overcome infection, they do not help in the repair processes. These must be carried out by the body itself.

A person who is up and about may become overworked. He is subjected to changes in temperature, to worry, and may even be exposed to new infections. When he is at rest in bed, all of these things are avoided.

If a person is told to remain in bed, he should follow a time table that will help give him the complete rest necessary. As a rule, eight to ten hours of sleep at night and two hours of sleep during the day are suggested. If the person is especially fatigued, even more sleep may be required.

**Avoid Discontent**

Particularly in the case of children, it may be necessary to supply activities during the waking periods in order to avoid restlessness and discontent.

Patients who are confined to bed for only a few days may be kept occupied by the radio, reading, sewing, etc. Those who are required to stay in bed for longer periods of time may train themselves by reading or educational books or taking up a useful hobby. Reading, listening to music, writing, sewing, knitting and other activities which do not require excessive physical efforts are all useful for the patient confined to bed.

**Household Hint**

A lamb's wool wall mop should be washed in warm soapsuds when necessary, and rinsed in lukewarm water until water is clear. Dry at room temperature, shaking out several times during drying.

**Luxurious and Useful**

By ALICE ALDEN

**B**EAUTIFUL and certainly smart they are, those accessories coming in to us from all over the world. But we leave it to our manufacturers and our designers to come up with luxury and beauty that combines the practical with fine craftsmanship. To show you

**Have a Daily Beauty Routine**

Make a thorough hair brushing part of your nightly beauty routine. To do a really good job, you'll find a brush with all-around bristles is excellent.

By HELEN FOLLETT

**S**OME women fancy they can buy a new complexion in a single jar of cream or a bottle of lotion. Cosmetics play a part, but they are not the whole story. One should have a daily beauty schedule and stick to it, through thick and thin, rain or shine. Never deviate, never falter.

Take a clean face to bed with you. The time for the complexion overhauling is at night. Have a half hour of relaxation while you are doing your good looks tasks, and you will be refreshed, not only physically, but mentally and spiritually. There seems so little time these days for self communion.

Don't forget that soap is the queen of cosmetics, so use it freely unless your skin has a phobia against it. Rinse it all away, dry the flesh gently, get busy with a heavy, nourishing emollient. Nothing like these attentions for keeping the skin clean, smooth as velvet, fine of texture.

Use the creamy leavings on your hands and finger nails. Friction into the cuticle surrounding the nails, then lift the flesh gently with the orange wood stick; that practice is an insurance against hangnails. Hangnails will try the soul of a saint.

Brush your hair. Don't worry that brushing will weaken the finger wave. It won't, but, even if it did, you must give your glorious crown frequent groomings if it is to survive through the years.

A three-minute scalp massage will hasten circulation. Every silky shaft lives on the blood streams. Let circulation slow up and, first thing you know, your locks will thin at the temples.

When you get in bed, do stretching exercises. You'll sleep more restfully and you'll have a righteous feeling, knowing that you are making an effort to retain the youthful, sweet silhouette.

**Let's Eat**

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

**Christmas In Canada**

**M**Y distinguished colleague, the grand chef Louis Baltera, of the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec, Canada, has sent us a Christmas Dinner menu really distingue. He announced the Chef. "The Frontenac is famous for the charm and glamour of its Christmas celebration. It retains something of the old world lavishness and splendour."

"For days before Christmas, Chef Baltera goes rushing through his spiculous kitchens giving orders to a cook, another, or demonstrating before a couple of apprentices. He is everywhere, that Louis, and always with patience, encouragement and skill supreme. It is a culinary tour de force. Then comes the great moment; time for the procession, the prelude to the dinner. Do you remember, Madame?"

"How could I ever forget it! First comes the herald with his trumpet; then the cooks dressed in medieval costumes, carrying the baron of beef, the boar's head, the suckling pig, the turkey, the flaming plum pudding, through the throng of guests to the great service table. All to the accompaniment of the musical strains of the 'Roast Beef of Old England.' The great halls and dining rooms are decorated with Christmas trees, holly, mistletoe, strings of coloured lights. Groups of Christmas carollers in old-time costumes singing as they stroll about. It represents the rejoicing Christmas spirit of the centuries."

"Any of our readers who wish to serve a de luxe Christmas dinner will be interested in this simplification it can be adapted to home service. For example: First Course: Supreme of orange and grapefruit or liver pate with mushrooms in aspic. Relishes: Celery Hearts; assorted olives. Second Course: Chicken consommé or mock turtle; French rolls. Third Course: Young turkey with oyster dressing and cranberry sauce; or roast stuffed gosling with spiced crabapples; or roast beef with horse-radish. Green peas, mashed turnips, boiled potatoes. Dem-tasse. Fourth Course: Lettuce and Tomato Salad. Dessert: Plum pudding with hard and brandy sauce; mince and pumpkin pie; Canadian raisins, cheese, nuts and Cheddar. Dem-tasse. "I think," Chef, that any woman who understands good cooking would be able to prepare everything on this menu with the exception perhaps of a good oyster stuffing."

**Veal and Ham Pies**  
For this you will need 1 lb. veal cutlet, or lean veal from the shoulder, cut thin; 1 lb. raw ham sliced very thin, and 1/2 lb. sausage meat. Cut the veal into 6 pieces and flatten as thin as possible with a meat tenderizer or potato masher. Sprinkle with 2 tbsps. fine-minced onion and salt, and pepper. Place a thin slice of ham on each piece of veal and roll up. Fasten with toothpicks. Bake in a hot oven, 350 F. in a moderate oven. 350 F. Serve hot as is, or serve cold, pour in 1/2 c. flavoured gelatin which has been dissolved. Chill several hours, so that when served the pie can be sliced.

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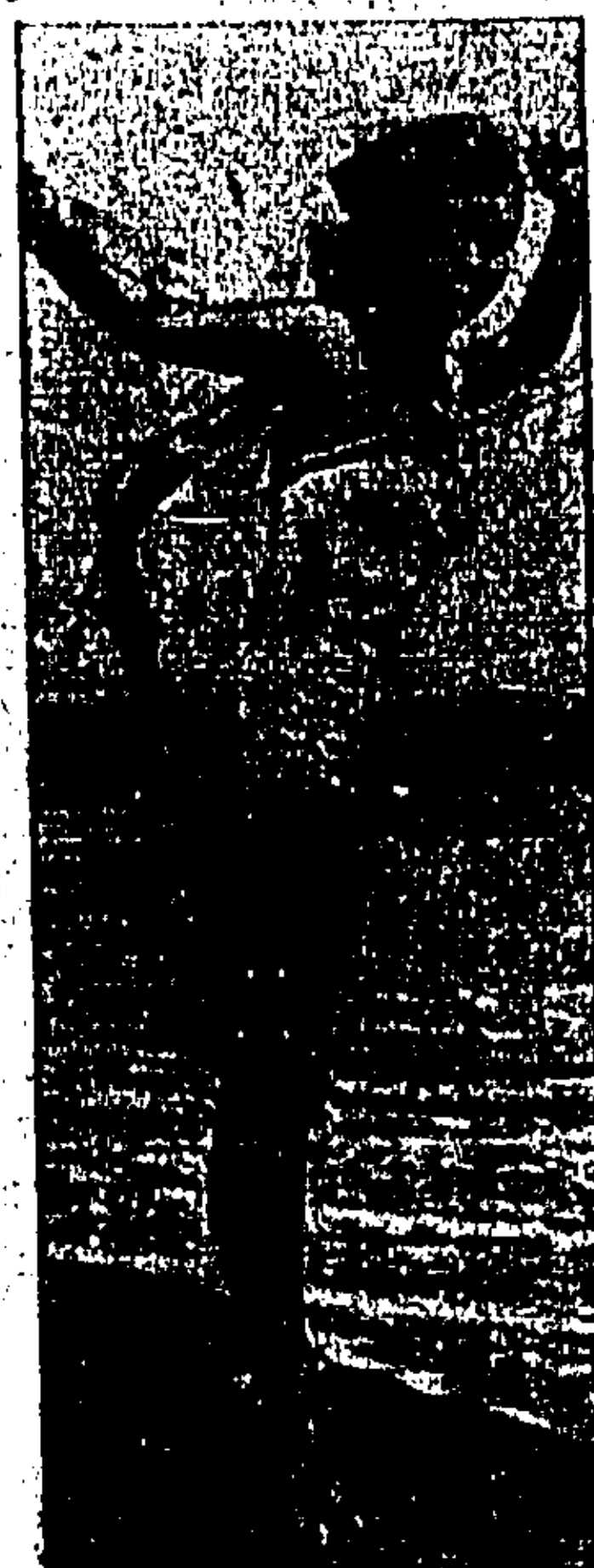
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## PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



**OUT EARLY**—With the early snows in the higher areas of the Sierras reaching sufficient depth for skiing, enthusiasts jumped the opening gun to try out Sugar Bowl, near Soda Springs, California. Increasing interest in the sport, and the right weather for it, brought skiers out for the sport weeks in advance.



**SPRITELY**—Actress Vera-Allen stays fit for the strenuous dancing in her movies by romping on the beach at Santa Monica, California. A well-planned programme of relaxation helps her to keep that famous figure.



**ESSAY WINNER**—Tilden R. Schofield, a high school student of Miami Springs, Florida, chats with M. Ernest G. Chauvet, UN delegate from Haiti, during a session at Flushing Meadow. The lad wrote an essay which won a contest sponsored by the United Nations Institute.



**FATAL SQUEEZE**—One person was killed and four injured when the driver of this car cut between the wall and a trailer truck in Washington, D.C., and got crushed between the two. The driver, Dan Wadsworth Lee, was charged with manslaughter.



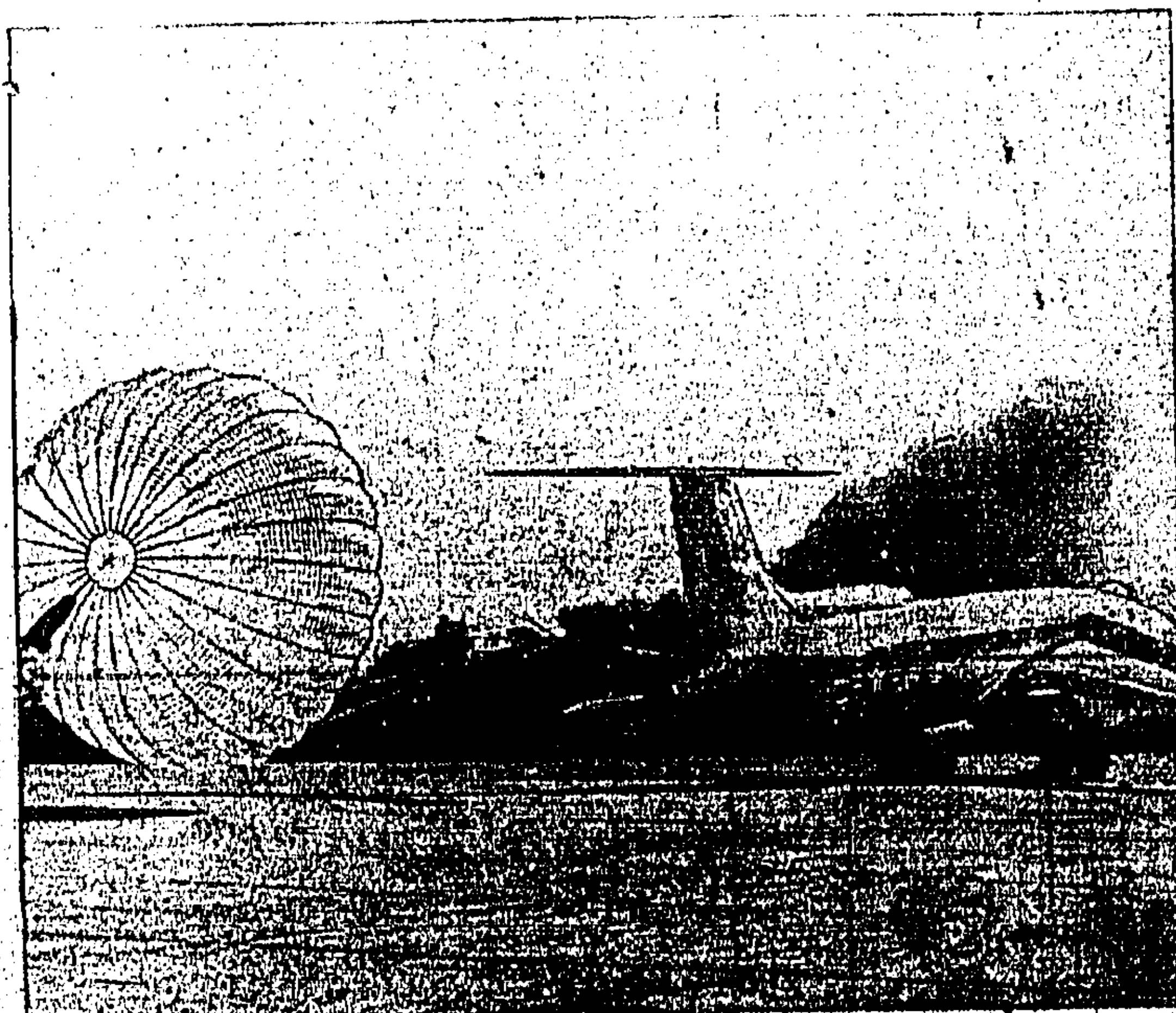
**FOAM AND SUDS**—The carnival season opened in Berlin with the traditional "Council of Eleven" meeting in the British sector. Here a speaker addresses his companions from top of an imitation beer mug. The signs are brewery trade marks.



**SHE'S ALL SET**—Mrs Peter Miller puts her horse, Indroff, through some paces as a warming-up exercise for the opening pageant of the International Horse Show in Chicago. Mrs Miller is publisher of a Washington newspaper.



**DOESN'T BOTHER HER**—Although winter seems to be settling over the rest of the U.S., actress Barbara Britton, in Hollywood, still displays her charms in the California sun.



**PARACHUTE BRAKE**—The U.S. Air Force's newest jet bomber, the XB-51, uses a unique parachute braking device. When operating from small combat airfields, the parachute can be released by the pilot for more rapid slowing down. The plane is also equipped with jet-assisted take-off bottles.



**THEY'RE IDEAL**—Maria, on sofa, an orange Persian cat, and Pierre, a blue Persian, pose for their photo at the 21st International Cat Exhibition in Paris, which chose them as the ideal cat couple for 1949.

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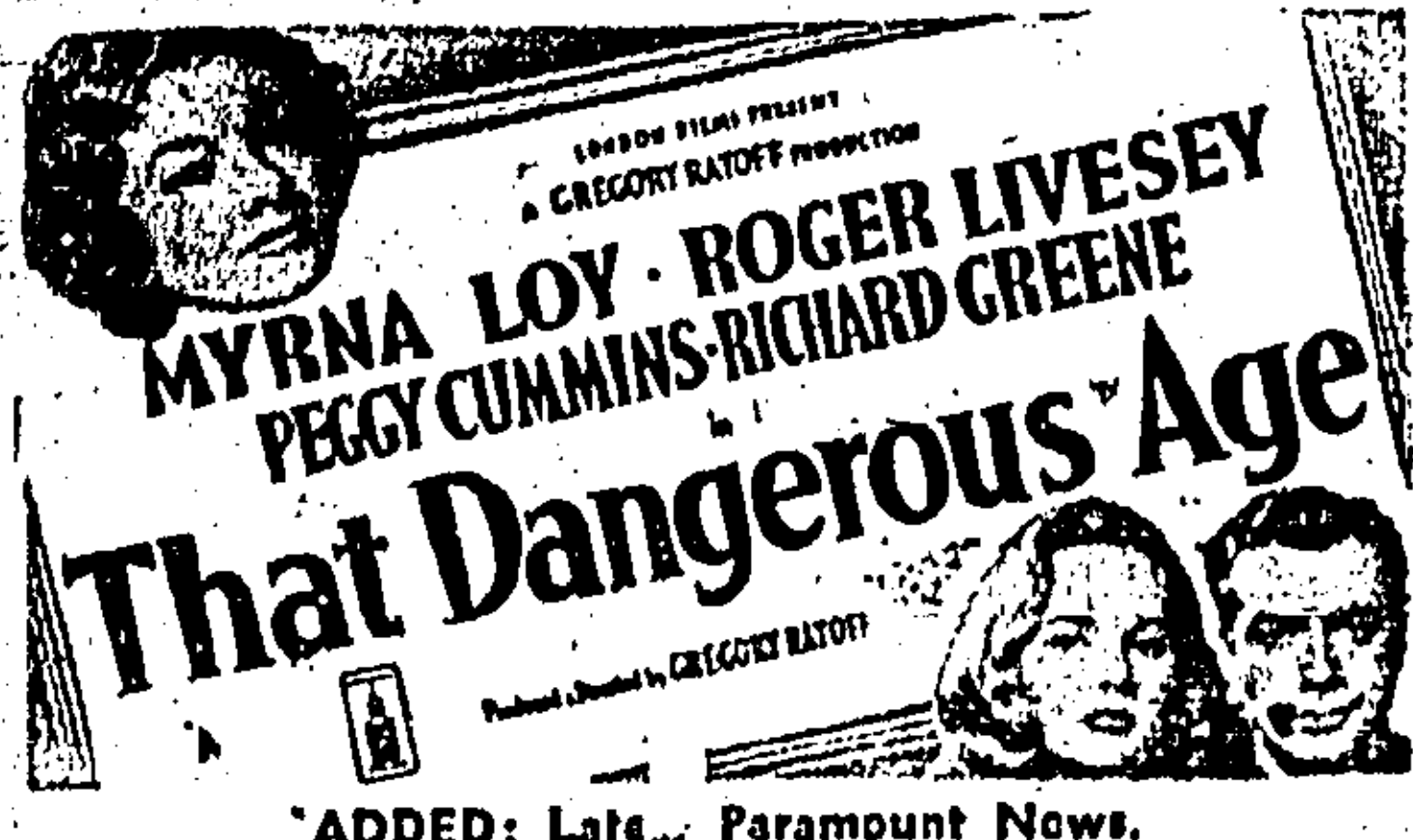
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## SITTING ON THE FENCE

by ... Nathaniel Gubbins

"THERE'S another of em," said the man in the corner of the third-class compartment. "They can't travel first no more because of their income tax."

"Shush," said his wife, "you might wake 'em up."

"Oo cares?" asked the man. "It's time some of them types was woke up. Look at it and."

"What's the matter with it and?"

"Never done a stroke of work in their lives. Look at em."

"I think they're rather nice and," said his wife, "nice and gentlemanly. We can't all work with our ands."

"It's time some of them did," said the man. "I suppose he reckons he works with his brains. I don't think."

"Well he might. He's got a nice big cad, anyway."

"My father always told me big-headed people was balmy."

But that bloke ain't balmy. Livin on is Stock Exchange investments, eatin is end of it. at City lunches, and sleepin them or in first-class carriages. That is before Cripps got in. The dirty parasite."

"I wish you wouldn't talk so loud, Charlie."

"I shall talk as loud as I like. Dirty parasite, that's what he is, livin on the sweat of the workers."

"But you don't know, do you, Charlie?"

"Yes, I do. I know em all. I can smell em. Look at it bloated face."

"Oh, no. That's not fair, Charlie. I reckon he's got rather a nice face. Besides, he might be eatin disease or something."

"I ope he as I up he's got eat disease, kidney disease, and stomach ulcers."

"Now you're gettin spiteful," said his wife.

"O.K. I'm gettin spiteful. But not so spiteful as he was when he was grindin the faces of the poor, livin in a castle while his factory workers was dyin like flies at the machines."

"I thought you said he was on the Stock Exchange," said his wife.

"The train stopped at a station. "Dirty parasite," shouted the man as they got out.

I opened my eyes for a moment, made a face at the man's back and settled down to sleep again.

### In the club

"WELL, there they go again."

"Who?"

"The Government. I don't suppose we've had such a bunch of incompetents running the country since the Magna Charta."

"Don't you?"

"As soon as I read about the groundnut lark I knew it would be a flop. I said to myself 'There goes my money. There goes your money. There goes everybody's money. Down the drain.' And it's turned out to be even worse than I thought."

"Has it?"

"Who do they think they are? African explorers?"

"I don't know."

"A lot of little jacks-in-office fancying themselves as Stanleys and Livingstones. Why, there isn't one of them with the guts to be either. Could they discover darkest Africa alone? Could they have crossed the Zambesi?"

"No idea."

"Why, they'd be scared to discover darkest Birmingham alone on a Saturday night. They'd be scared to cross Piccadilly—Circus—alone—without holding a policeman's hand."

"Would they?"

"And they call themselves a Government. No wonder they can't get recruits for the Territorial. You wouldn't catch me joining anything for a Government like that."

"Wouldn't it?"

"Who were the backbone of the Territorials? The middle classes. Who won the Battle of Britain? The middle classes. And now they're called scum and vermin. Why should they join up at the beck and call of people who insult them?"

"I don't know."

"I tell you, if anything should happen they won't get the volunteers again. Who got them the first time? Kitchener. Who got them the second time? Churchill. Who's likely to get them next time? Shinnell? I wouldn't join the Brownies for Shinnell."

"Wouldn't you?"

"The country never was in such a state as it is now. In the past we've had bad Governments and good Governments, but they've always been men, good or bad. If they made mistakes they took the blame like men and resigned."

"Did they?"

"Why didn't Cripps resign after he devalued the pound?"

"No idea."

"Because they don't intend to resign about anything, don't you worry?"

"I'm not."

"Sit tight and pass the buck. That's their motto. Well, I must go now."

"Must you?"

—(London Express Service)

# THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD...

NEARLY two years passed before Joseph had another supernatural experience, but at last it came.

Once more the angel interrupted their quiet lives with a sign from the other world; one last dream for Joseph, a vision with great news, the angel declaring: "Arise and take the child and go into the land of Israel. For they are dead that sought the life of the child."

They are dead! They meant Herod!

**No Question**

WITH no question in their minds Joseph and Mary, the most perfect believers in history, obeyed the directive. From his sleep Joseph sprang up and began to pack at once. Taking the child and mother on a donkey, he turned again to the grey and yellow desert that lay between them and home.

As the long desert days passed and the little family drew nearer to their own part of the world, other travellers in wayside camping confirmed the news.

Yes, Herod the Great was dead!

In his school and in conversation Jesus heard more and more of the Messiah who was to bring freedom to the people:

## CHAPTER FOUR OF FULTON OURSLER'S STORY OF THE LIFE AND DEATH OF JESUS

"A prophet like unto me will the Lord raise up to thee," wrote the seers and harungers at the crossroads constantly assured that the long-awaited Christ would soon be with them. Everywhere men were quoting from the prophets to anticipate just how the Son of God would come to earth.

"There will be a great star in the heavens to announce His birth," said one.

"He will be born into the line of the house of David in Bethlehem, but He will live in Galilee," said another.

Naturally Joseph and Mary told Jesus of the three Wise Men who brought Him gifts and said that they had seen His Star in the east and had come to worship Him. Also He knew that He had been born in Bethlehem, and that Joseph and Mary were both of the princely house of David.

**People Were Wrong**

BUT very early in life Jesus learned what the people were expecting from their Messiah, and He knew that they were wrong. There was coming to them no Saviour with supernatural genius for war

and government. No Messiah to lead them in revolution, free them and make them in turn masters of the whole world. God would not send His Messenger to earth merely to rally the glory of David and Solomon. It was in vain that the people waited for such a Messiah—a trinity of patriot, general, and king.

Such was the state of the world, of the Roman empire, Judea, Nazareth, when Mary and Joseph decided to take the twelve-year-old boy on a visit to Jerusalem for the Passover. Year after year the family made this journey, but this was the first time they would take Jesus with them.

In Jerusalem again Mary's growing boy looked around him, fascinated by the splendour and the squalor of palaces and slums, the penury in the midst of magnificence, and especially the beauties of the Temple, with its walls of cedar and marble. As He walked with Mary and Joseph through the Gate that was called Beautiful, Jesus carried a few coins that His foster father had given Him; mites and pennies knotted in the hem of His robe; with these copper pieces the boy paid His own way into the Temple courts.

**Priests Everywhere**

WHEREVER Jesus looked there were priests. On that very day twenty thousand of them were registered in the Temple and got their living from it. The place swarmed with men in ceremonial costume; Levites with pointed caps and large pockets in which they carried the books of the law; Pharisees with their broad phylacteries and deep white fringes on purple gowns; solemn Essenes in white robes—and with them from Galilee and Judea and the land beyond Jordan crowds of earnest believers who came to buy lambs or pigeons and lay them on the altar to be burned; women after childbirth, sick people after recovery, grateful men and women and those who hoped soon to have cause to be grateful. Bargains were being struck, greetings exchanged, psalms sung; genuflections—all day long, the smell of burning flesh, the smoke of incense.

Jesus was gripped with this spectacle of colour and noise and movement.

But why did they burn the animals? Why did they imagine God would be pleased when altars blazed and smoked? Why did the poor have to spend money to buy animals? Why must they buy them only from the priests? What did the priests do with the money?

Did not such absurdities detract from the dignity and goodness of the idea of God?

Seized suddenly with a great warm rush of zeal and a surge of such questions, Jesus stood up, while Joseph remained praying with closed eyes. Burning with eagerness, the twelve-year-old strode into an offshoot shelter of the inner Temple where the Fathers of Israel sat with the rolls of Scriptures around them and debated the texts of judges and prophets. A circle of admiring intellectuals was listening in awe-stuck silence.

Into this ring of professors of the sacred teachings walked the boy from Galilee and His tongue was on fire with the questions He now put to them. He seemed eager to learn from these sages, but they recoiled from His honest inquiries.

**Savants Alarmed**

WERE ever such questions put to these brains before? Never, never. He was not there to higgie and dispute about trifling matters. The savants of the law listened first with scorn and irritation, then with incredulity, with astonishment, friendly, but with awakening alarm.

Day and night came and the fifteen men still tried to answer the questions of this unknown stripling. New judges took the place of weary elderly ones, and the debate went on with the unwearied lad.

It was impossible by logic to dislodge Him from the simplicity of His position; He merely kept reminding them of the beauty of their own neglected teachings, quoting every now and then from the magnificent simplicity of Micah, the prophet, when he demanded:

"What does Jehovah request of you but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

**The Face of Mary**

THE new recruits to this famous debate had taken no note of the passing of time until Jesus, looking over the heads of His antagonists, saw the pale face of Mary. Tears glistened in her reproachful eyes; for the first and only time since He was born she seemed not to comprehend.

"Son, why have you done so to us? Behold, your father and I have sought you—sorrowing."

At once Jesus made His farewell to the groggy teachers. Around Mary's shoulders He wrapped the cloak of deeper blue that she wore now, and took her hand and led her toward the gate, and as they walked together, she told Him what had been happening.

It seemed that Mary and Joseph had started on the Journey back to Nazareth, feeling sure that Jesus was following with a troop of other Nazareth boys. But when they began to search for him, Jesus was not to be found. That was why, as soon as the sun was up, Mary and Joseph turned their faces back toward Jerusalem.



THE RETURN TO ISRAEL



BACK IN JERUSALEM

## NANCY

Sticking Him

By Ernie Bushmiller





## Britain Discusses Oil Problems With U.S. Govt

London, Dec. 20.—The Ministry of Fuel and Power announced tonight that the British and American Governments were discussing the problem of the dollar drain on Britain and the rest of the sterling area arising from oil transactions.

The dollar drain for oil is larger than for any other item.

For the year 1950 it had been estimated on the basis of current prices that the net dollar outgo would amount to \$625,000,000, of which \$350,000,000 would have arisen from the operations of American oil companies in Britain and the rest of the sterling area, and \$275,000,000 from the world-wide operations of British companies.

The former relates to the oil which American oil companies sell to the sterling area, at present about 13,000,000 tons a year. The latter, which has already been substantially reduced, is the dollar element in the cost of producing and distributing about 8,000,000 tons of oil, of which more than half is marketed outside the sterling area for much needed foreign currency.

### 1950 SURPLUS

As a result of increased production and the maintenance of restrictions on consumption, British oil companies expect to have available in 1950 some surplus oil, over and above what they will need to supply their established markets.

A Ministry statement said that, "in view of the dollar deficit of the sterling area, His Majesty's Government are obliged to limit oil imports to absorb the above-mentioned surplus before drawing supplies from dollar sources."

## Greatest Story Ever Told

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There, at last, after weary search, they found Him arguing the law with the elders. Looking into Mary's eyes, Jesus said with a tender smile: "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?"

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FOR eighteen years, until Jesus was thirty, He and Mary lived in Nazareth. In that long period of obscurity Joseph died, and so did Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna. For His mother and himself, Mary's son earned a living carrying on the work in the carpenter shop.

The day was coming, as He had known from the beginning, when He must drop His carpenter's tools, leave His mother and home, and devote the remainder of His life to bringing light to the bewildered and frightened. No one else would or could offer them now life of hope in this world or the next.

In the high hills, the workman slowly dreamed into objective form the message He had been born to deliver. Now His heart was on fire with a dangerous purpose.

Suddenly a strange word came to Nazareth—word of a strong man from the wilderness of Judea, a man who was preaching in various towns down south and blessing people by dipping them in the water of the Jordan River; a new man named John.

"That John" the widow Mary told Jesus, "is your own cousin; he is the son of Zachary and Elizabeth."

And the same John was telling great crowds that he was the herald, the forerunner, preparing the reception for the Saviour of the world!

His message was that the Messiah was coming at last.

TO BE CONTINUED TOMORROW

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6.00, "Hongkong Calling" — Programme Summary: 6.02, "Band Call" — BBC Variety Orchestra, directed by Rex Jenkins with Eric Whitely. (BBCTS); 6.30, The Andrews Sisters. (BBCTS); 6.40, "Song for You" — Sung by Maurice Kaye, Stanley Black and His Orchestra. (BBCTS); 7.00, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.10, "Much Binding in the Marsh" — With Kenneth Horne and Richard Mayock. (BBCTS); 7.15, "The Dance Under Stanley Black" (BBCTS); 7.45, "Generally Speaking" — The Tibbans of Lanes by Colonel F. Spicer-Chapman. (London Relay); 8.10, "Record Round-About" — Variety Record Programme Presented by Sue Dawson. (Studio); 9.10, Piano Recital by Miss Wong Kuk King. (Studio); 9.45, "The Band Under Stanley Black" (BBCTS); 10.00, "The South Staffordshire Regiment" (BBCTS); 10.10, "Weather Report" — "French Cabaret" — 10.45, "Recital by Handel (Violin) and Leon Goossens (Oboe)" (BBCTS); 11.00, "Ambrose and His Orchestra" with Anne Shelton. (BBC); 11.10, "Weather Report" — World and Home News from Britain. (Recorded London Relay); 11.30, "Save the King" — 11.30, Close Down.

## Bill, 65, is retiring—after 52 years at sea



Sixty-five-year-old Bill Grisado — 52 years at sea without "getting his feet wet"—is now making his last Atlantic crossing in the Queen Mary after 41 years with the Cunard White Star.

Mr. Grisado — in charge of 12 bars in the Queen Mary — has been Cunard's chief bar-keeper since 1918. He does not smoke. A "day's racing is the only thing I live for," he says. His best win this year was £1,000.

Yet in his main bar is a black cat—Mugs, wearing spectacles in the picture — which performs tricks like a dog.

## Trusteeship Council Censures Israel

Lake Success, Dec. 20.—The United Nations Trusteeship Council today censured Israel for removing Government offices to Jerusalem in defiance of the General Assembly's resolution to internationalise the city, and asked Israeli officials to revoke their action.

## New York Tackles Its Big Problem

New York, Dec. 20.—New York City officials today decided to proceed with plans to tap the Hudson River for 100,000,000 gallons of water a day to alleviate the water shortage which threatens to last for years.

The scheme is expected to take a year to complete and will cost about \$1,800,000. It will provide about one-fifth of the city's normal consumption of 1,000,000,000 gallons a day.

The Governor of New York State, Mr. Thomas Dewey, today accused the New York administration of neglecting water needs despite repeated warnings "by every State administration for 20 years."

Mr. Dewey said that 500,000,000 gallons of water a day could be obtained by tapping Rondout Creek, about 100 miles north of New York, into existing aqueducts.—Associated Press.

## RITA'S LAST INTERVIEW

Lausanne, Dec. 20.—The film star, Rita Hayworth, wife of Prince Aly Khan, was today interviewed by some 44 British, American, French and Italian reporters and photographers for the last time before the expected birth of her child.

She remained quiet in Prince Aly's car the whole time, wearing a loose mink coat and a green chiffon scarf over her head.

Rita expects to enter a clinic in Lausanne soon. She said that she was feeling "pretty good."

When the interview had finished, Prince Aly personally served the Press with champagne.—Reuter.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I've tried desperately to get some kind of car for the wife for Christmas—I always got my feet wet walking to the train!"

By a vote of five to zero with seven abstentions, the 12-nation Council adopted a resolution, introduced originally by France and Belgium and amended by the Philippines and Iraq.

The resolution said: "The Trusteeship Council, concerned at the removal to Jerusalem of certain Ministries and central departments of the Government of Israel, considers such action ignores and is incompatible with the General Assembly's resolution of December 9."

It asked the Council president, M. Roger Garreau of France, to invite the Israeli Government to revoke these measures and abstain from all action which may be an obstacle to implementation of the General Assembly resolution.

### THE VOTING

Belgium, France, Iraq, Mexico and the Philippines voted for the resolution; Australia, China, the Dominican Republic, New Zealand, Russia, Britain and the United States abstained.

Mr. John Fletcher Cook (United Kingdom) suggested that January 4, 1950, be set as a deadline for submission of an Israeli report.

The Iraqi Foreign Minister, Mr. Fadhil al Jamali, submitted an amendment asking the Secretary General to communicate as soon as possible to all UN members the fact that Israel was violating the resolution.

Mr. Jamali said the Council must fulfil the mandate of the General Assembly to internationalise the Holy City and must prevent anything that may body from standing in the way of implementation of the decision.

"Any measures we might take must be preventive and must carry moral force," he added. "We are not suggesting preventive measures by physical force, but by moral force."—United Press.

## Bergman To Get Divorce

New York, Dec. 20.—Dr. Peter Lindstrom has agreed to divorce his film star wife, Ingrid Bergman, according to the New York World Telegram.

Mr. Lawrence Brinn, Dr. Lindstrom's New York lawyer, is considering the proposed settlement of property submitted by Ingrid Bergman's Hollywood lawyer, Mr. Greg Bautzer.

"Mr. Bautzer and I have been discussing a proposed settlement for the past few days," Mr. Brinn said. "Our discussions have not been concluded."

The World Telegram said that although Mr. Brinn would not state it directly, it is understood the proposal calls for ultimate divorce.—Associated Press.

## LORD OF ALL HE SURVEYS

London, Dec. 20.—Joseph Stalin's face now looks down from 38 of the highest mountain peaks in Central Asia, the Soviet news agency Tass reported today.

Climbers have been installing busts of Stalin on mountain tops since 1937, Tass said.

The latest was fixed on a 21,140 foot peak in the Tianshan range by three mountaineers who took 10 days for the climb.—Associated Press.

## INTERIM INJUNCTION ARGUED

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Communist Government, but every point he would put forward for the defence was worthy of the most serious consideration.

Recognition, he said, did not enter into the case "even if we were told that recognition would come in five months, five years or ten years. It has nothing to do with this case. This idea has got abroad that Counsel are briefed to come into this honourable Court, it is necessary for getting a delay. I repudiate that."

### RIGHT CLAIMED

Dealing with the position of the Nationalist Government of China today, Mr. Potter said that it was functioning in Taipei, Formosa, but they claimed the right to put their hands on and touch any assets whatsoever belonging to the Republic of China. The Government, he said, had plunged to the lowest depths by selling millions of dollars worth of planes and equipment to two private individuals.

The Chief Justice: The private individuals do not come into this case.

Mr. Potter: I am only dealing with facts.

Counsel went on to say that even if recognition was deferred for years, it would nevertheless be open to the present Government of China to say that they were the Government of China "and we must take into our possession any assets which come into Hongkong."

### VERY SIMPLE

Mr. Potter said the position of the plaintiffs was very simple. They said in the hearing before Mr. Justice Gault that they were the Government of China, it was their property and they must get it. The plaintiffs, he said, even went so far as to suggest that the defendants should not be heard. That case, he said, had at least the merits of simplicity and at least the demerits of ignoring the facts and ignoring what had happened.

"As my argument develops you will see that I draw the most acute distinction between a case of war, where a country was friendly to Britain as an ally, and where the country was invaded. Ethiopia was a typical case. It was merely a military occupation in law and in international law. No change whatsoever took place and the law still functioned. Heads of Government were still the heads and that was the position until the conclusion of the war."

In the case of a revolution, as in the present instance, the position in law was entirely different, in Counsel's submission.

### REVOLUTION

Revolution was still a recognised mode in international law, and change of government could be brought about by constitutional means or by more drastic measures.

In the case of a revolution, a new government was set up which deprived the old government of every shred of authority. In this case the Government had to flee the country, and the authority of the old government had completely gone, and although it may still be recognised as such by Great Britain and other nations the Government might be technically entitled to appear as plaintiffs. Every defence was open to any ordinary defendant. That was the difference between revolution and invasion.

"It is to be said that there are no problems of the gravest consideration," asked Mr. Potter. "To suggest that this is a dishonest case and that there is no defence is absurd. Hearing is continuing."

### Coal Production

London, Dec. 20.—Britain's coal miners last week produced 470,000 tons of coal, the highest weekly figure since June, 1940, it was announced tonight.

With two weeks still to go, the men need only 1,834,000 tons to reach their target for the year—at least 210 million tons.—Reuter.

### CABLE ON FIRE

Three feet of electric cable on the side of a private house in Ching Fung Street, Causeway Bay, caught alight last night. The fire was extinguished with sand by firemen from Central Fire Station.

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## German Inventor Charged With Building Plane

Frankfurt, Dec. 20. — The one-day trial of Walter D. Galonska, charged with having violated Allied laws by building an aeroplane, ended before an American occupation court this afternoon. Judge Herman Elegant said that the verdict would be announced sometime after Christmas.

## SYRIA FACES POLITICAL CRISIS

Beirut, Dec. 20. — Syria is today facing a deep political crisis after her third military coup in nine months. The majority of the elected Deputies in the Constituent Assembly are asking to resign and to leave the Administration in the hands of the military, according to reports reaching here from Damascus.

A Syrian army group led by Colonel Abid Shishakali, member of the Arab Liberation Army, seized power yesterday and arrested the Chief of Staff, General Sami Hinnawi and his brother. They were accused of plotting with foreign powers against the security of the army and the State.

Hinnawi himself seized power by the same means last August. The President, Hashem Atassi, elected head of the state last week, was to have been sworn in as head of the state yesterday, but the ceremony was postponed.

As part of the newly constituted oath, President Atassi was to have sworn "to act for the accomplishment of the unity of the Arab countries."

Some quarters attributed the coup to dislike by some Syrian Army officers for a projected Iraq-Syrian union said to be contemplated by the Hinnawi regime. — Reuter.

**REMAINING IN OFFICE**  
Beirut, Dec. 20. — The Syrian President and the members of the Constituent Assembly decided today to remain in office and to continue with their plans despite yesterday's military coup, according to reports reaching here from Damascus.

The independent, Khalid Azem, was asked to form a Cabinet, previously declined to take the oath to take their proposed new oath to work for the unity of the Arab countries.

The President, Hashem Atassi, elected head of state last week and due to have been sworn in yesterday, has been sworn in by the military. Independent decided, after a long deliberation, to ignore the enforced military administration.

They would carry on unless the Army group, led by Colonel Abid Shishakali, intervened and forced a new showdown, the reports said. — Reuter.

## DRAFTEES SERVE ONLY 12 MONTHS

Tokyo, Dec. 20. — Some 850 American soldiers of General Douglas MacArthur's command are getting Christmas at home as a present from the Army under a new regulation permitting draftees to quit service after 12 months.

The regulation did not go into effect until December 1, but special efforts are being made to get as many as eligible on leave heading for home in time for the holidays.

Major K. W. Erickson, who is in charge of separation and rotation for Japan, revealed to the United Press today that approximately 1,700 inductees, whose year of service was up by December or before, had elected to be separated from the Army rather than complete the 21 months stipulated under the original draft law.

Major Erickson said the Eighth Army and GHQ made every effort to get as many homeward bound as shipping would permit, and 850 were shipped in time.

A total of about 4,200, whose 12 months will be up during this and succeeding months, are due to go home from January to March of next year.

Once in the United States the soldiers will be sent home from the port of debarkation. — United Press.

**Merle Cochrane's Appointment**  
Washington, December 20. — Official circles said that the United States expects to notify the Indonesian Government of its appointment of career diplomat Merle Cochrane as first U.S. ambassador to Indonesia immediately after the Netherlands Government transfers sovereignty at a ceremony in the Hague on December 27. — United Press.

## Hears Christmas Music



In a sealskin trimmed pastel velour coat tied with a cord, a matching sealskin trimmed pompon hat: Princess Margaret leaves St Paul's Cathedral with the Dean, the Very Rev. W. R. Matthews. She had listened to a Christmas recital by the London University Music Society. (London Express Service).

## Healthy Growth Of Trade Unions

London, Dec. 20. — A fair standard of education among workers and the control of unions by the workers themselves at all stages were indispensable factors in the healthy and successful development of the trade union movement in a country, according to Mr P. S. Arumugam, Assistant Labour Commissioner of the Indian Ministry of Labour.

## NAZI SS MEN SENT TO GAOL

Frankenthal (French Zone, Germany), Dec. 20. — A German court here today sentenced six former Nazi SS men to prison terms ranging from 10 months to 10 years' hard labour for having burned down a synagogue on November 10, 1938, the day of the great Nazi pogrom against the Jews.

Among the six was the former police chief of Neustadt, near here, who got two years. Seven other accused were sentenced to terms ranging from six to 20 months. Three others were acquitted.

All had been charged with having burned down the synagogue and the Home for Aged Jews at Neustadt.

Eight of the sentenced have already served their terms because time so far spent in custody was taken into account. The court stated in its findings that the German people must, in the face of the opinion abroad, take a definite stand against such actions of which the defendants had been accused. — Reuter.

## Manstein Leaves Hospital

Hamburg, Dec. 20. — Field-Marshal Erich von Manstein left the British Military Hospital here early today by car for Werl Prison, near Hamm, in the Ruhr, to be handed over to the penal branch of the British Control Commission.

Confirmation of Manstein's 10 years' imprisonment will shortly be investigated by the legal staff attached to the Commander-in-Chief of the British Rhine Army. — Reuter.



"When we go in the kitchen, make some comment on how clean the sink looks. It'll make Herbert feel so proud."

## FIRST U.S. WOMAN AMBASSADOR

Copenhagen, Dec. 20. — To the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Silent Night," played by brass bands on the quayside, Mrs Eugene Anderson, America's first woman Ambassador, arrived here today.

Holding her hat against a strong wind, she walked off the motor ship Jutlandia into one of the biggest crowds of journalists and photographers ever seen in Copenhagen.

As they crowded round her she answered questions in a friendly manner. "No, I am afraid I have not much time for cooking now," she told one questioner.

To another she said: "I am not accustomed to an Ambassador's home, but I expect I will soon get used to it."

She added that she was not afraid of hard work and was looking forward to getting down to her job. Mrs Anderson's two children, Johanna (15) and Hans (11), stood by their mother. Johanna looked very excited, Hans a little bored.

Standing a little apart from the crowd was Mr John Anderson, the Ambassador's artist husband. The Danish Foreign Office has officially stated that Mr Anderson's status in Danish diplomacy will be that of an Ambassador's wife.

Asked what it felt like to be the husband of an Ambassador, Mr Anderson grinned and said: "This is a very difficult question."

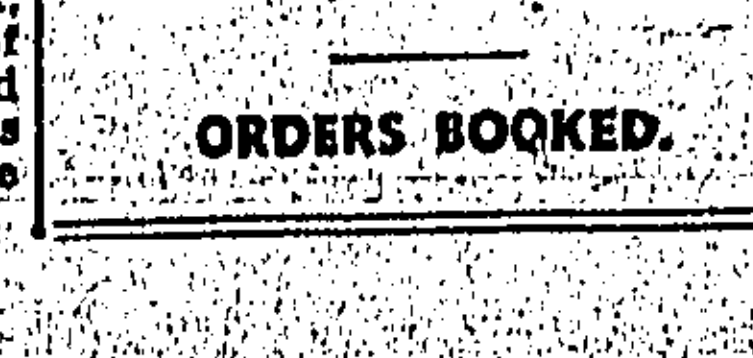
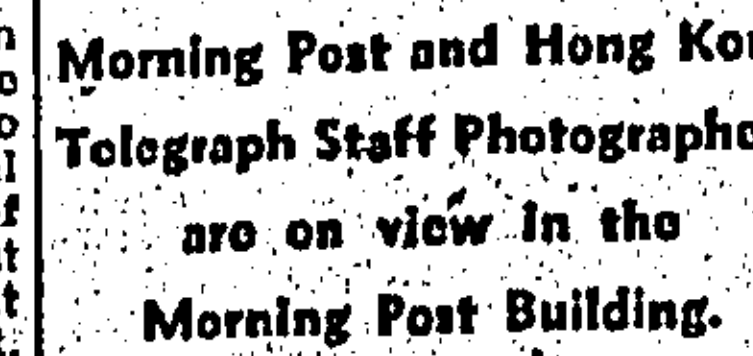
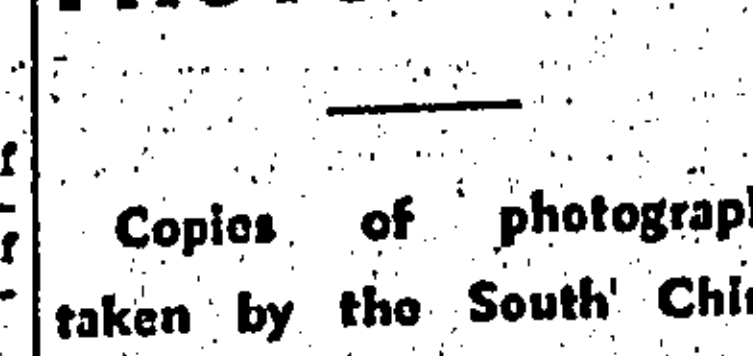
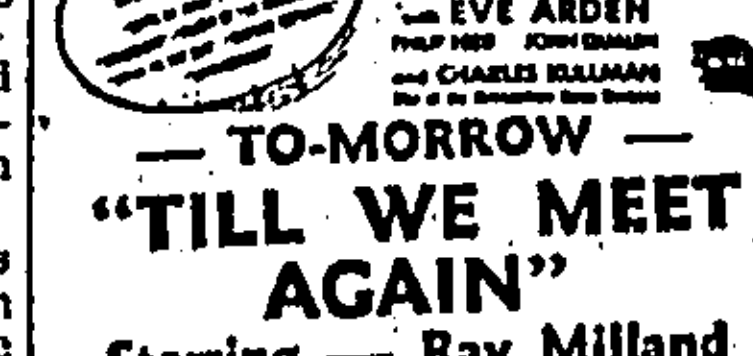
As they moved away, Mr Anderson said he thought the reception accorded to his wife was "extraordinary." — Reuter.

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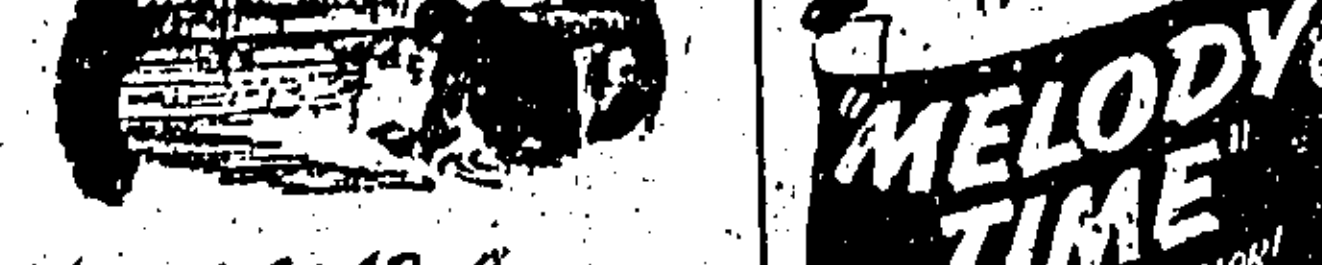


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